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RUN-OFF IN CROW'S NEST.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—(Special).—The west-bound C. P. R. train on the Crow's Nest division met with an accident on Sunday, by which several cars were derailed. E. P. Brunell, the baggage and express clerk, and two passengers named H. Strauback, of Nelson, and G. T. O. Callege were injured.

A Modern Babylon

Mazet Committee Report a Terrible Arrangement of New York's Rulers.

Authority Used to Protect Criminals and to Dull the Public Conscience.

Opportunities for Immense Private Gain Created by Official Corruption.

By Associated Press.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 15.—The reports of the majority and minority members of the Mazet investigations were presented to-night to the assembly. Both are lengthy documents. The majority report opens by stating that a great part of the testimony was directed to the conduct and control of the various offices and departments and in this connection says: In many of these, grave evils were disclosed. For such as were administrative in their nature, the remedy must be sought at the ballot box and not at the hands of the legislature. The one clear and distinct fact brought out by the investigation is that we have in this great city the most perfect instance of centralized party government yet known. It declares that the seat of control and power is not the man who sits in the mayor's chair, but the man who stands behind it. "We see the same arbitrary power dictating appointments, directing officials, controlling the boards, lecturing members of the legislature, and the municipal assembly. We see an enormous and ever-increasing crowd of office holders with ever increasing salaries. We see powers of government prostituted to protect criminals to demoralize the police, to debauch the public conscience, and turn governmental functions into channels for private gains. "The proof is conclusive, not that the public treasury has been directly robbed, but that the opportunities have been given by manipulation of public officers, to enable favored individuals to work for their own personal benefit. The people alone can remedy these evils. There is no legislative panacea for such administrative evil. "The conduct of the present police department of the cities of New York and Philadelphia is unqualifiably bad and rotten. Not only are the laws against pool rooms, gambling houses, policy shops, etc. violations, dance halls and wicked resorts of all kinds not enforced, or enforced in such way as to be ridiculously ineffective, but the general discipline is lax. Grave offences of personal delinquency, such as drunkenness, absence from post, inattention to duties, etc., go unpunished or are visited with such small fines as to be almost an encouragement. "Robberies, bunco games, deceptions, frauds, thefts, have increased in alarming degree, and the detection of these crimes and the recovery of property, has steadily increased during the last two years. "We believe that the great mass of the rank and file of the department under proper leadership would execute all the laws with courage and vigilance but it is not in the nature of things that subordinates who depend upon their superiors for continuance and promotion in rank should conduct themselves in direct opposition to the clearly known views of these superiors."

Canada's New Volunteers.

Still Arranging About British Columbia's Offer—Three Squadrons of Strathcona's Horse.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Communications are still passing between Ottawa and Victoria respecting the contingent from British Columbia. Strathcona's Horse will consist of three squadrons, 412 officers and men. "D" Battery, from Ottawa, Guelph, London and Kingston, left for Halifax to-day, after a grand send-off. The steamer Milwaukee of the Elder-Dempster line has been secured in place of the Montezuma. She cannot sail before February 10. The first transport to sail for South Africa will be the Laurentian, which leaves next Saturday morning. The detrainment of the Manitoba troops was witnessed by thousands, while hundreds visited the camp to-day. Major Williams inspected his Eastern troops and expressed satisfaction. He drilled his troops for one hour. The drill was admired by a large crowd. The general opinion is that "B" squadron will be hard to beat.

Kruger Exhorts The Burghers.

Urges Them to Show More Energy and Quotes Psalms to Comfort Them.

Hint That Gold Industry Will Be Destroyed When British Cross Border.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 15.—A despatch to the Daily Mail dated Saturday, January 13, from Lorenzo Marques says: President Kruger has issued a proclamation ordering all burghers to the front. The Volksstaat, the Transvaal official organ, suggests that the moment the British cross the border the gold industry should be irretrievably destroyed. President Kruger also issued a circular dated January 8 to Boer commandants and burghers, urging them to show more energy in the Transvaal cause. He quotes Psalms xxx, verse 7, as evidence that God had given instructions to the burghers, and says that the British have fixed their faith in Psalms lxxxiii. He also quotes Psalms lxxxix, verses 13 and 14, and asserts that he has searched the Bible without being able to find any other mode which can be followed by the Boers, who must fight in the name of the Lord. Commandeering is proceeding busily at Pretoria, where the town guard are exchanging their uniforms for Martini's, as the former are badly needed at the front. It is said that there are nearly 3,000 British prisoners at Pretoria.

MICHIGAN ENTERPRISE.

Suggested Use of Delagou Bay Seizures to Obtain Free Hand with Ontario Timber.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—A Detroit despatch says Senator McLaughlin accompanied by a representative of the Michigan timber dealers will urge Secretary Hay at Washington to take some action towards adjusting the grievances now existing between the Ontario government and Michigan lumbermen, relative to pine timber. If no amicable settlement is likely, the Senator will urge retaliation. It is thought by some of the lumbermen that the present opportunity is good for urging an adjustment of these grievances in view of recent Delagou Bay events.

COAST COPPER PROPERTIES.

Rich Strike Reported From Texada Island—Vancouver Citizens Invest in the Britannia.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 15.—H. W. Treat left for Seattle this morning to attend the annual meeting of the Van And Company in that city. Mr. Treat reports that a rich ore chute has been struck on the 400-foot level of the Copper Queen about 1,100 feet from the shaft, which will run 70 to the ton. Twelve or fifteen Vancouver citizens have put up over \$25,000 for the purchase money of the Britannia group, bought from J. Bosworth, of Victoria. Of this sum Thomas Flack, of Klondike fame, has contributed \$10,000. The rest of the purchase money, said to be \$100,000 in all, has been put up by Montana men. There is great excitement over this property, which has been reported by several experts enormously rich. News arrived to-day that the crosscut to tap the vein had exposed an ore chute 18 feet wide, carrying 20 per cent. copper. Machinery is being installed.

Stores For Ladysmith

Commissariat Train Despatched From Frere With Hope of Arrival Already.

Report of Warren's Near Approach Receiving Credence in London.

French Doing Well at Colesberg—No Change at Modder River.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 16.—The war office has published the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Capetown, January 15, 6:20 p.m.: "French reports that a reconnaissance yesterday (Sunday) shelled the Colesberg road bridge. No casualties; returned to-day. "Methuen and Gatacre no change." NEARING LADYSMITH. London, Jan. 16.—The Standard gives prominence to the following despatch, dated Saturday, January 13, from Durban: "A man who has just arrived here from Springfield says that a British column proceeding to the relief of Ladysmith has crossed the Little Tugela. When he left it was feeling the Boer position on big Tugela, and a howitzer was shelling the Boer trenches. THE RELIEF STORES. "He also says that 270 wagons laden with commissariat stores for Ladysmith had left Frere, and it was expected that the column would join hands with Gen. White Monday morning. "The traction engines have been doing excellent work in hauling heavy wagons out of holes and swamps. This they accomplished with the greatest of ease. "The British patrols have discovered parties of Boers in the direction of Ebersdale, between Frere and Estcourt."

A GALLANT GARRISON.

London, Jan. 16.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Pietermaritzburg, telegraphing last Thursday, January 11, says: "The gallantry of the Ladysmith garrison last Saturday appears to have depressed if not actually demoralized the Boers generally. It is expected that they lost at least two if not three killed as against our one. WARREN'S MOVEMENT. Capetown, Saturday, Jan. 13.—There is good reason to believe that the report that Sir Clements Warren with 11,000 men, has gone towards Wagonen is correct, and we may expect important news shortly. Reports have been received here that dysentery is very rife in Ladysmith.

LADYSMITH'S DEFENCE.

Boers Driven From One of Their Positions but Take Kopjes Commanding Caesar's Camp.

Boer Headquarters Outside Ladysmith, Tuesday, Jan. 9.—The Boers occupying the southern edges of Bester's Kop were driven out by the British on Saturday. Commandant Nel on the west of the town, and the Pretoria commando on the north have taken the kopjes commanding Caesar's Camp, from which they maintain a continuous sniping of the British. The Pretoria commando lost 10 men killed and six wounded in attempting to storm the fort.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S ISOLATION.

Colonists not Anxious to Join Canada and the Dominion Just as Well Off.

Halifax, Jan. 15.—A. B. Morine, ex-solicitor-general for Newfoundland, is here. Interviewed as to the confederation of Newfoundland with Canada he says the opportunity has passed so far as that colony is concerned, and that the colonists do not see what advantage would be gained now if they did enter confederation. He contends that confederation, while not so advantageous to Newfoundland, would be of importance to the Dominion providing the French shore difficulty were settled before the event was consummated. Otherwise in his opinion Canada might be involved in difficulty with French-Canadians who might show sympathy toward France.

FOR AFRICAN SERVICE.

London, Jan. 15.—The Duke of Marlborough, who volunteered for service in South Africa, will sail for Capetown on Sunday night. Major-General Fred Carrington, the well known South African officer, until now commander of the Belfast district, has been ordered to South Africa.

THE DESERTING CONSUL.

Port Said, Jan. 15.—Mr. Charles Marcum, late United States consul at Pretoria, left here on the British steamer Koenig to-day for Naples on his way home.

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IN SHOW WINDOWS.

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Surmise Rumor And Suspense

London Disquieted by Absence
of News Since Buller's
Advance Commenced.

Chamberlain's Home Organ Dis-
cusses possibility of Defeat
in Parliament.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 16.—Gen. Buller's latest authentic word as to what he and his 30,000 men are doing was wired from Springfield after his first step forward. Striving to think out the unknown, London is confused by surmise and rumor and disquieted by suspense.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert of the Morning Post, asserts that the Boer force in Northern Natal is larger than Gen. Buller's and Sir Geo. White's together so that the Boers are able to leave a force around Ladysmith larger than that within the town and yet to oppose Gen. Buller with a force superior to his own.

Reports from the Boer camps affirm that the circle of investment has been drawn closer by the occupation of some hills nearer the town, thus liberating reinforcements to oppose Gen. Buller.

The Daily News suggests that a multitude of the rumors that originate in South Africa and London are given currency by the English military authorities in order to mislead the Boers.

The war pages of the great dailies this morning are almost barren. Nevertheless the instruments on the loops connecting the war office with the cables continue to click.

Among the minor perplexities of the war office is a strike among the military tailors, which causes delay in uniforming the recruits.

The Birmingham Mail, the organ of Mr. Chamberlain, says: "We understand on the highest authority that if the government is defeated in parliament on the question of the war the cabinet will immediately appeal to the country, all the ministers having decided to stand together and not permit any individual minister to be made a scapegoat."

WON'T TAKE BOER ACCOUNT.
Banks and Trust Companies in New York Make Striking Display of Their Sentiments.

New York, Jan. 15.—Geo. W. Van Sicken, who is at the head of the movement in this city to raise money for the widows and orphans of Boers killed in battle, says in an interview today that he visited some twenty banks and trust companies in this city in an endeavor to find an institution that would take care of the fund to allow subscribers to be sent to it direct. Notwithstanding the fact that the president or cashiers of the institutions visited were personal friends of Mr. Van Sicken, not one of them would take the account if the word "Boer" or "Transvaal" were named, and the money so far deposited stands to Mr. Van Sicken's personal account.

CANADIANS DOING WELL.
Toronto Officer Reports on Their Condition and Appearance—Anxious for the Fray.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—(Special)—Capt. Barker, who commanded the Toronto company in the recent fight, writes his parents from Belmont, December 9, telling of the scenes of a previous battle. He says: "Our chaps now all look dirty, sunburnt but fine, and there is no sickness. The khaki clothing is the color of the African sand and nearly all the men have beards. They are getting over anxious to go forward and fight."

The Mail's London special says: "Col. Picher with the Canadian and Queenslanders moved on January 7 from Belmont south, on Gen. Buller's line of march."

THE BUNDESRATH SEIZURE.
Cases of Arms were Manifested as Hunting Rifles—The Emperor's Personal Interest.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—Emperor William takes the deepest interest in the Bundesrath incident, and has shown his interest on the subject with the foreign secretary, Count von Bulow. The German ambassador in London, Von Hatzfeldt, has informed the German government that the seizure was upon the order of the British admiralty, and not of the foreign office.

At the foreign office today it was asserted in reply to inquiry that the reported discovery of a quantity of rifles in the cargo of the Bundesrath was insignificant, since it was already known through the manifest that there were several cases of hunting rifles on board.

GREENWOOD VOLUNTEERS.
Seven Hand in Their Names for the British Columbia Squadron.

Greenwood, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Mayor Hardy has received six applications from citizens to join the British Columbia contingent for the Transvaal and has telegraphed to the provincial secretary offering their services. Since then a seventh, who served in the Texas Rangers has been added to the list. They are all select men and anxious to go to the front.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD.
Freight Men Have a Grievance Which May Result in General Strike.

Minot, N.D., Jan. 15.—A strike of serious proportions is threatened by train operators of the Great Northern railroad. This applies to freight men only, but it is thought that unless an amicable adjustment of differences is brought about, a general tie-up will result.

Last night an informal meeting of trainmen was held and it was decided to go on Tuesday next unless a modification of the rule lately introduced compelling freight crews to go switching at terminal points was granted.

ALBERTA MAN KILLED.
Montreal, Jan. 15.—On December 28, while fighting with the Natal Carbineers at Ladysmith, Robert Milne Miller, of Innisfail, Alberta, was killed. He was a son of Surgeon-Major Milne Miller, formerly of Ross-shire, Scotland.

FRENCH FIRE ON CHINESE.

Two Gunboats Sunk in Taking Possession of a Disputed Bay.

Tacoma, Jan. 15.—The steamer Elm Branch brings news from Shanghai that French warships have taken possession of Kwang-Chau-Wan bay, where a boundary dispute has been pending for several months.

The French sunk two Chinese gunboats, destroying their guns and ammunition and taking the officers aboard the French ship as prisoners.

The French had four killed and 28 wounded. The Chinese loss was heavier. About the Chinese retreated the French forces were divided into four expeditions, which pillaged and burned many villages on their march back to the seashore.

Several mandarins surrendered to prevent the burning of their towns. They are held as hostages to prevent retaliation by the natives.

ELECTION PROTESTS.
Ten in the First Batch Against Members-Elect of Manitoba Legislature.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—(Special)—Ten Manitoba election protests were filed in the courts today. Liberals have entered protests against the Conservative members-elect for Morden, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, and Winnipeg.

At Rockwood, while the Conservatives protest the election of Liberal members-elect for Birtle, Deloraine, Lakeside and Carleton. Another big batch will probably be filed by both parties next week. Mr. Gavin Ross was selected today at Dominion City to oppose Hon. D. McFadden at the approaching bye-election for Emerson, caused by McFadden's acceptance of a portfolio in the Macdonald cabinet.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

School Board.—The new board of school trustees will meet for the transaction of regular business to-morrow evening.

A New Secretary.—Mr. Magill, of the Vancouver Province, has been elected on the highest authority that if the government is defeated in parliament on the question of the war the cabinet will immediately appeal to the country, all the ministers having decided to stand together and not permit any individual minister to be made a scapegoat."

Mansion House Fund.—His Worship Mayor Hayward, as honorary treasurer of the Mansion House fund, acknowledged the receipt of a contribution of \$100.00 from the British Columbia Association, which commenced at 9 a. m.

Officers for the Fifth.—An Ottawa despatch of last evening announced the following appointments: "To be captain, Lieut. T. E. Pooley. To be second lieutenant provisionally, G. A. Strickland, W. H. Langley, Sergt. T. P. Paterson, J. D. Pemberton and W. Ridgway-Wilson."

Farmers' Convention.—The Central Farmers' Association opened their second annual meeting yesterday, with sessions at the agricultural department morning, afternoon and evening. An extended report of the proceedings crowded out of this issue will appear tomorrow together with an account of today's proceedings, which commenced at 9 a. m.

Keeping "Mum."—A meeting of the Victoria Medical Association was held last evening at the Hotel Empress. It was understood one of the subjects discussed was the action of the secret societies in deciding to act for medical men to act as lodge physicians, the local association having passed a resolution that Victoria doctors would no longer act. However, before adjourning the meeting passed a resolution to the effect that nothing should be given out for publication.

Provincial Contingent.—Premier Selkirk had not up to last evening received any word from the Ottawa authorities in regard to the offer made by British Columbia to send a contingent of mounted scouts to the Transvaal. Nothing can be done by the government in the way of recruiting until a notice of formal acceptance is received. Capt. Rant, leader of the 12th Hussars, is another candidate to go to the front. Capt. Rant has been serving in the Transvaal, having served there in 1881, being stationed for several months in view of Majuba Hill.

Charged With Assault.—In the provincial police court yesterday afternoon Mr. Knox, of Esquimalt district, was charged with assaulting Mr. Webb, the government road boss. It appears the government had been taking gravel from Mr. Knox's property, and he endeavored to stop it. According to witnesses, Mr. Webb was called upon the gate while one of the teams was inside the fence, and Mr. Webb opened the gate to let the team out. He was closing it again when Mr. Knox struck him on the head with a hammer. The trial is adjourned until Jan. 17, when Mr. J. H. Lawson, Jr., appeared for the defence.

From the North.—The following were passengers by the steamer Danube, which arrived from Skagway at 10 o'clock this morning: Alex. Spring, E. Frank, Mrs. T. Tennant, Thomas Shaw, J. Teaff, Jno. E. Lee, Cecil Paddon, W. W. Acheson, Ed. E. Charlson, C. L. Cutham, J. Dalton and wife, Mrs. N. D. Cutham, M. Fiddler, G. Gerow, Thos. W. Little, A. S. Cross, A. Goldrey, E. Evans, John McDonald, R. Fiddler, K. Thompson, S. Lee, G. H. Cheney, S. Hartman, R. G. Skelley, A. McKillop, D. Cozier, C. J. Anderson, Jerome Dugas, E. J. Manson, Thomas Wheelock and J. Valentine.

Saved by a Technicality.—Although the police have been on the lookout for several days past for W. L. White, quartermaster-general of the Michigan state militia, who had been wanted on a charge of fraud and embezzlement in connection with fraudulent sales of militia supplies, there is no probability that he will be arrested even should the conjecture prove correct that he has come to British Columbia. A delay in a special committee, say on Thursday evening next, and the writers be invited to attend with plans, etc.

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New Council Get to Work.

Some Important Business Trans-
acted at First Session
of the Board.

Another Railway Proposition—
Steps Taken to Clean
Chinatown.

At the first meeting of the new board of aldermen for the year 1900, held last evening, no less than three questions of vital importance were discussed—the unsanitary condition of Chinatown, the social evil, and the Victoria & Chilliwack railway proposition. Medical Health Officer Fraser drew attention to the terribly unclean condition of Chinatown and recommended drastic steps. Tupper, Peters & Potts submitted a new proposition in connection with the proposed Victoria & Chilliwack railway.

Before proceeding to the regular business, His Worship Mayor Hayward, who presided—all of the new board being present—expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing so many of the old board back in their places. Although some good men had not been returned at the recent elections the gentlemen who had been chosen in their stead would, he felt sure, prove able successors. He hoped that the proceedings of the board would be most successful. While there would be some differences of opinion at various times, he was sure all would unite in upholding the decisions arrived at whatever they might be. He hoped they would have a successful year.

The standing committees for the year 1900 were then named as follows:

Cemetery—Aldermen Williams, Kinsman and Hall.

Electric Light—Aldermen Kinsman, Cameron, Williams, Beckwith.

Fire Warden—Aldermen Stewart, Cameron, Kinsman.

Harbor Improvements—Aldermen Brydon, Yates, Cooley.

House for Aged and Indigent—Aldermen Beckwith, Cooley, Stewart.

Legislation—Aldermen Yates, Beckwith, Cameron.

Park—Aldermen Hall, Brydon, Yates.

Public Works, Bridges and Sewers—The Mayor and Aldermen.

On Pending Litigation—Aldermen Cooley, Stewart, Brydon.

On Railways—Aldermen Williams, Kinsman, Hall.

On the condition of Indian Reserve—Aldermen Cameron, Yates, Beckwith.

The following communication containing a new proposal in regard to the construction of the Victoria & Chilliwack railway was then read:

Gentlemen: We have to-day been instructed by the representative of a responsible authority to communicate with your honorable body with a view of having the further consideration of the Victoria & Sidney Railway by-law deferred for a short time in order to enable our clients to lay before you a proposition for railway construction, which would, we are instructed, be very much more advantageous to the city than any yet made.

Owing to the fact that the matter was so recently brought before them, our clients are not yet prepared to commit themselves to any definite proposition. They instruct us, however, that within one month from this date, they will have reached a decision and will return to us with a definite binding order to construct, maintain and operate the road and ferry, or to say definitely that they will go no further with the project.

We are instructed to say that in the event of our clients deciding to proceed forthwith with the negotiations for the proposed railway and ferry, the basis upon which they will be prepared to deal with the corporation of the city of Victoria will be, in general, as follows:

1. They will ask the city to guarantee the interest on the sum of one million dollars at four (4) per cent. per annum for a period of twenty years.

2. They will undertake to relieve the city entirely from all responsibility in connection with the Victoria & Sidney railway.

3. They will carry out practically the details of the transportation scheme now before your honorable body, by providing a railway and ferry connection between the city of Victoria and Centerville, via Sidney and Point Roberts.

In the event of our clients deciding upon the proposed undertaking, they will, we are instructed, come before you within the period named, fully prepared to carry on the work, and with ample capital and facilities at their disposal. We are assured by their representative that they are earnestly considering the proposal, and merely ask for the laying over of the by-law now under consideration for the bona fide purpose of enabling them to decide upon the merits of the scheme, so that in the event of their deciding upon the undertaking, the city will not be embarrassed by a preliminary arrangement with another company.

We have the honor to be gentlemen, your obedient servants.

TUPPER, PETERS & POTTS.
Ald. Yates moved that the letter be referred to a special committee for report. He did not like the idea of postponing the matter for a month as suggested by the letter, but a postponement might effectually block the scheme, the original promoters withdrawing. It was important that the matter be laid before the provincial legislature, which was now in session, at the earliest possible day, so that application for a charter might be made.

Chilliwack railway scheme and Messrs. Tupper, Peters & Potts.

Mr. Marchant wrote asking that the electric light on the corner of Belmont and Pembroke streets be removed to Houghton street. Referred to electric light committee.

Clerk Dowler read a list of the recommendations made by the retiring committee. Ald. Cameron pointing out the desirability of having that the aldermen should be in a position to attend to the minor matters promptly. After some discussion it was decided that the streets and bridges committee should meet the next Wednesday in every month.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report: Re communication from Mr. J. O'Connor, claiming \$150 damages for defective drainage on Coburg street on December 22, 1899: I may say word was received at my office in the forenoon of the above named corporation member stating the place in question directly after 1 o'clock p.m., and reported that no damage was being done, and that very little water was then standing on parts of the vacant lots opposite Mr. O'Connor's residence. I have since visited the above locality in company with the street superintendent and could not find any indications where damage had been done. I would therefore recommend no action.

Re communication from Mr. J. Jennings, calling attention to the condition of Tolmie avenue: In view of the fact that the city limits follow the centre of the above avenue, and it will be necessary for the government to act in conjunction with the city, I would recommend that the city clerk be communicated with regarding their offer of July, 1898, on the file in the city clerk's office, to ascertain whether same holds good to the present time. I consider their offer (if in force) satisfactory, but would recommend that the city clerk be notified until the weather is favorable. The dangerous hole mentioned in Mr. Jennings's letter has received attention, which is all that can be done at present.

The city carpenter reports and recommends that the wooden bridge at the northern end of Ross Bay cemetery be repaired at once, as same is in very bad condition. Estimated cost, \$85.

I have the honor to be gentlemen, your obedient servant,
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and after an explanation by the city engineer to the aldermen, the government as to the manufacturing and grading referred to in clause two, it was adopted without amendment.

Returning Officer Northcott presented the official returns of the recent municipal elections.

Medical Health Officer Fraser presented the following report:

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the vigilance of the quarantine officials. It would not surprise me if one case of bubonic plague should appear in Victoria any day. We have in that part of our city known as "Chinatown" the proper conditions for the spread of the disease, and the government has been found impossible to apply the various sanitary by-laws of the city or the health act of the province to "Chinatown." The danger of the introduction of this disease is so real and our ability to cope with it under present conditions so hopeless, that I earnestly suggest that you at once ask the legislature for special powers to deal with the sanitation of "Chinatown."

These powers should enable you to: 1. To make for the present municipal and provincial health and sanitary laws, in so far as they relate to "Chinatown." 2. To appoint a commission of three men to put Chinatown in a thoroughly sanitary condition. (This commission should have full power to remove all buildings, close any street or alleyway, abate any nuisance and institute any improvement it may deem necessary, without any legal formality or redress.)

3. To levy a special tax on all property in Chinatown to defray the expense of the commission and the costs of all the alterations and improvements required to put this part of the city in a sanitary condition.

I have the honor to be, etc.,
R. L. FRASER, M.D.,
Medical Health Officer.

Ald. Williams thought that the report on the whole was a good one, and he moved it be adopted and acted upon.

Ald. Yates inquired why it was that the laws on the statute books were not put into effect in regard to the sanitary condition of Chinatown. He thought, however, that the proper way to deal with the report was to refer it to the legislative committee, as wide powers were asked for. He moved that the report be referred to the legislative committee for report.

Ald. Stewart seconded Ald. Yates's motion, and Ald. Williams agreed to withdraw his motion.

Mayor Hayward explained that the health officer had informed him that he could not do more than to refer to the sanitary condition of Chinatown, and that he must have special powers. The report was a most important one, and should be given every consideration. He thought it would be well to refer it to the legislative committee for report.

Ald. Brydon had no doubt the importance of the report would spur the committee to prompt action. The situation was serious. There were numerous cases of bubonic plague in Hong Kong, and if Chinatown was in a bad sanitary condition it was no use to blink at it, but grapple with the evil firmly and at once. The entire city should be put in good sanitary condition at once.

Ald. Beckwith thought it would be a good idea to refer the report to the legislative committee to interview the government.

The motion was carried.

Ald. Yates thought the committee should be empowered to act promptly. There was no time to be lost.

It was decided that the committee should report at the special meeting on Friday evening.

Building Inspector Northcott recommended the payment of \$100 to the city for the balance due them for work done at the electric light committee. Referred to the electric light committee with instructions to pay same if found correct.

A petition was read from W. McKenzie and others, asking that the city should be empowered to restrict the social evil in regard to driving many of the dwell-mongers from their haunts into the residential portion of the city, thus endangering the health of the youth of the community. The petitioners suggested a form of license and regulation rather than an attempt at suppression.

ment again reported complete with amendments.

Mayor Hayward read a letter from Lieut. Col. Gregory offering on behalf of Bandmaster Finn the services of the Fifth Regiment band at the patriotic meeting in the Victoria theatre to-morrow evening. A letter of thanks was ordered sent to Col. Gregory.

The council then adjourned.

YOSEMITE OVERDUE.

Probably Delayed in English Bay by a Heavy Storm Which Prevailed.

The steamer Yosemite which left Vancouver at 11:15 yesterday afternoon had not arrived up to 4 o'clock this morning. She is probably at anchor in English Bay, the Danube, arriving at 3 a.m., bringing news that a very heavy storm prevailed in the Gulf.

The Danube had stormy weather all the way from the entrance to Lyant Canal, meeting a succession of heavy gales and snow storms. When she left Skagway the weather was fine and the trains were running on the White Pass and Yukon railway, but soon after leaving snow commenced to fall again. She had 23 passengers including a number from Dawson, the first to ride over the railway since the blockade. Among the Dawsonites to arrive were Messrs. Gus Gerow and E. Francis of the city. C. L. Cullin, another Victoria-Yukonist, also came down.

The steamer Willapa did not get away from Northern British Columbia ports until early this morning, waiting for the Danube from which boat she took a quantity of freight for Skidgate.

PERSONAL.

A. R. Johnstone of Nanaimo is a guest at the Hotel Victoria.

W. R. Lord, manager of Bell-Irving & Co.'s Skeena river cannery, is at the Hotel Victoria.

J. C. Conlin, mainland representative for Messrs. Pither & Leiser of this city, is registered at the Victoria.

James Reilly, a prominent hotel man and ex-mayor of Calgary, is a guest at the Oriental.

Smoke "Nugget Cigar." Meiss & Co.

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Many a pale, weak school girl, suffering from the effects of an exhausted nervous system, and thin, watery blood, has been fully restored to the vigor and buoyancy of robust health, by using Dr. W. Chase's "Sole Food." The beautiful glow on the cheek and the brightness in the eye tell of the building up process which is taking place in the body.

DIED.

CLAXTON—At Westmount, Montreal, on January 13th, T. James Claxton, in his 71st year, a native of Norwich, Norfolk, England.

EWINGS—At the family residence, 104 Pandora avenue, on the 14th inst., Ellen Ewing, beloved wife of Wm. Ewing, in her 55th year, a native of Barton Mills, Northampton Co., England. Funeral private.

VICTORIA : THEATRE.

Friday, January 19th,
The New York Empire Theatre Success—
Sydney Crady's Master-Piece.

"Sowing
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Mr. Frederick Warde impresses those who watch his work critically that he is a careful student. His work shows thoughtful and study at every point and is invariably well balanced in consequence. Throughout every place he presents what may be called a continuity of idea, never for an instant departing from the conception he has formed of it. There may be differences of opinion as to whether he presents the best ideal of any character he assumes, but of his faithfulness to it there can be no doubt. As of Paul Novak in "The Lion's Mouth" he resists a temptation to rant, which a play abounding in verbal, rather than dramatic, climaxes, offers, and gives a strong, self-confident and heroic presentation. The role hardly admits of great work, although it is highly popular. Mr. Warde does not reach in it the height which he touches in King Lear, for example, or even the level attained in Richard III, but this is not his fault, for Carleton is not Shakespeare and does not pretend to be. Mr. Warde has any actor who has appeared in this city received so great an ovation. The house was crowded with a discriminating audience and Mr. Warde was recalled after two acts and on the second occasion four times. His very neat little speech and his excellent recitation of "The Absent-Minded Beggar" raised the enthusiasm of the audience to the highest notch. Mr. Warde is like those whom he addressed, a loyal son of Britain.



FREDERICK WARDE.

it he contributed a comedy element in very good taste. Mr. Harry C. Barton made the best of the rather thoughtless role of Christopher. The other male characters call for no other comment except that they were quite equal to the calls upon them.

Minnie Tittel Brune is as pretty as ever and is developing unexpected dramatic powers. She always was dramatic and graceful, but those who saw her a few years ago would not have looked for her to fill acceptably the exacting role of Lina. Yet she did so in a manner that deservedly gained for her many testimonials of appreciation. Miss Ward as Marcella supplied most of the comedy and did so easily and naturally that she was a favorite with the audience from the beginning. Miss Meredith and Miss Wilson filled their subordinate roles very well. The verdict of the large audience was one of unqualified approval.

This afternoon Mr. Warde and Mrs. Brune will present a magnificent production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," and to-night "Richard III." The first named play is reputed to be the best of the accomplished actor's repertoire and affords a greater opportunity than does "The Lion's Mouth" for a display of his and his company's talents. Heraldry of the triumph attained by Mrs. Brune in the role of the love-sick maiden has preceded her here. This charming young actress has won unprecedented praise for her unique and original conception and delineation of this trying character as well as the reputation of being the leading legitimate actress on the stage. She imbues the role with more sweet joy and humor than is usual. Her Juliet is not the recital of woe and horror, as the role is usually conceived, but a gradual evolution of the frolicsome maid into a tragic woman. It is not until the later developments of great emotion that she displays force and emotional powers, hardly to be expected in so girlish a person. Mr. Warde's Romeo will be without question a magnificent performance, in keeping with his great art, while his excellent company should fill the lesser roles, in a manner worthy of his association.

The play will be produced in the same elaborate manner that marked the settings of "The Lion's Mouth." Although a Tuesday matinee is unusual here, the lovers of true art will undoubtedly turn out in force.

What is positively the largest exclusive colored organization that has ever visited the Coast is "The Hotter Coon in Dixie," which will be seen for the first time in Victoria at the Victoria theatre on Thursday night. The company numbers thirty of the leading colored artists of America, who will be heard in a score of the earliest "coon" melodies. For sweetness of voice, harmony and volume it is claimed that these singers have never been excelled. For sixteen consecutive weeks they were quite the rage at the fashionable New York Casino roof theatre in New York last summer.

Unusual interest has been awakened among the amusement going people by the approaching engagement of "Sowing the Wind." The play is to be introduced under the direction of Julius Cahn, at the Victoria theatre on Friday night. The strong points of the play are its theme, "sex against sex," its ingenious plot, its intensely dramatic situations, its sharply drawn characters, its pungent dialogue, its fine scenic embellishments, and its magnificent costumes. The interest of the plot centres in a determined and desperate contest between Rosamond, a young woman of unhappy birth and Bra-

bazon, her father. The two are not made aware of their relationship until the end of the play. Rosamond had betrayed Rosamond's mother and left her before the girl was born. When she is grown to womanhood she is met and loved by Ned Amosley, the adopted son of Rosamond. The old man refuses to permit the marriage as he has heard of some vague mystery surrounding Rosamond's birth. The girl makes a pitiful and earnest protest against the cruel fate that is thrust upon her and bitterly arraigns the sternness of her father to protect the sacredness of womanhood. Rosamond undertakes to excuse men of her own kind, and the controversy grows in fervor and culminates in a scene of the most thrilling character, the denunciation of course disclosing the relationship of Rosamond and Rosamond. There are a number of side complications in which the veil of comedy is introduced to properly balance the deep paths of the play.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

By the Brethren of the Mystic Links
Yesterday Evening.

Members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Peerless Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., had a joint installation banquet in Odd Fellows hall last evening, and a large fellowship and good things provided, rendered the occasion a very enjoyable one. Odd Fellows' gatherings are usually marked by the strong brotherly feeling which permeates them, and last night's assembly was no exception to the rule. About 75 of the brethren sat down at the tables, and after the wants of the inner man had been amply satisfied the annexed toast list and programme was proceeded with. The chair was occupied by Bro. L. and Bro. N. G. of Victoria Lodge, and the Vice-Chairmen by Bros. R. Marwick, N. G. of Columbia Lodge, and G. McCann, N. G. of Peerless Lodge. Following is the list of toasts, etc.:

"The Queen," by the Chairman.

"President of the United States," by F. Davey, G. Sec.

"Sovereign Grand Lodge," proposed by A. Henderson, P. G. M., and responded to by P. W. Dempster, Grand Rep.

"Sailing, Sailing," with a slight change in the chorus, which was "Marching, marching, over the mountains bare, for many a stormy battle will wage ere Tommy comes home again."

"Grand Lodge of British Columbia," proposed by F. Taylor, P. G., and responded to by E. Bragg, D. G. M., and F. Davey, Grand Sec.

"Song, W. H. Huxtable, P. G., "Red, White and Blue."

"Victoria Lodge, No. 1," proposed by Vice-Chairman G. McCann and responded to by F. Payne, N. G., and F. Davey, secretary of Victoria Lodge.

"Columbia Lodge, No. 2," proposed by the Chairman and responded to by R. Marwick, N. G. of No. 2.

"Scottish Rite," proposed by James Pottinger, P. G., "She Nodded to Me."

"Dominion Lodge, No. 4," proposed by A. Graham, P. G., and responded to by James Bell, P. G. of No. 4.

"Song, E. Bragg, P. G., "Old Black Joe."

"Peerless Lodge, No. 3," proposed by Vice-Chairman R. Marwick and responded to by G. McCann, N. G., and D. Siddall, P. G. of No. 3.

"Song, W. P. Allen, "Maid of Athens."

"Vancouver Encampment, No. 1," proposed by the Chairman and responded to by E. Bragg, C. P.

A few remarks by C. W. Jenkinson, P. G.

"Bro. Sabin."

"Rehearsals," proposed by E. Bragg and responded to by J. H. Meldrum, P. G. M., and P. W. Dempster, G. Rep.

"Canton," proposed by A. Henderson, D. G. M.

"Soldiers of the Queen."

The proceedings were brought to a close by the company rising and singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

This evening Vancouver Encampment will have an open installation of officers.

Rugby Union Meeting.—Messrs. J. M. Miller and Alexis Martin have been chosen to represent the V. R. P. C. at the meeting of the Rugby Union to be held on Saturday evening of this week in Victoria. It is now two years since a meeting of the union has been held, and a considerable revision of by-laws and rules is held to be necessary.

Moore "A.A." whiskey.

For the Public Convenience.—For the convenience of the public attending the dance, which comes off at the Hotel Dallas tomorrow evening, a special ten-minute service will be given from Government street to the hotel. The cars will also be kept in service until a late hour, and will run to all parts of the city and Esquimalt at 1:30 a. m., and also at the close of the dance.

Granted a Divorce.—In the divorce action of Smith vs. Smith, in which Justice McColl at Vancouver in April last, a decree absolute has now been entered, the petitioner, on being released from matrimonial union with her husband, Henry Luskow Smith, residing here, married to this action formerly resided in Victoria, the petitioner being an extensive property holder in the Spring Ridge section.

New Officers.—District officers S. A. Bantley, P. P. Watson and P. R. Smith installed the following officers of Court Vancouver, 5,755. A. O. F., last evening: P. C. R. W. J. Gower; C. R. A. E. Greenwood; S. C. D. R. McKenzie; Sec., S. Wilson; Treas., W. B. Hall; W. G. R. Forquhar; J. B. Smith; S. B. A. Mansell; J. B. T. Anderson. Following the installation an inviting supper was partaken of, at which songs, speeches and recitations were rendered by Bro. W. P. Fullerton, C. Booth, A. E. Greenwood, C. E. Lawson, P. R. Smith, E. Dee, E. Nathan, W. Acton, W. J. Gower and others. Bro. S. Bantley acted as chairman, and "God Save the Queen" brought the programme of the evening to a close.

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PROGRESS IN AUTOMOBILE CONSTRUCTION.

During the past two years the essential lines of construction have received no radical change. In such highly successful vehicles as those of Panhard & Levasseur, of Peugeot Freres, and of Benz, two years have not passed but they have been marked by very great strides in the removal of mechanical imperfections. The memorable feats of the vehicles of Panhard & Levasseur, of Peugeot, and of Benz in the Paris-Bordeaux race of this summer, and the Tour de France race, have been accomplished by the removal of mechanical defects shown by previous similar severe tests by the adoption of higher and higher grade materials, by the adoption of methods and workmanship previously looked upon as too expensive for anything but standard tool-making, and by a minute attention to every indication of experience and every occasion of correction. Even so, however, in spite of their feats of speed and endurance, they are admittedly imperfect machines, although the best as automobiles.—W. W. Beaumont, in The Engineering Magazine for January.

A lazy liver may be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. A tick is all right for the back of a lazy man. But it would be a savage as well as a stupid thing to beat a weary man or a starved man because he is lazy in his work. So in treating the lazy liver it is a great mistake to lash it with drastic drugs. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred a torpid or sluggish liver is but a symptom of an ill-nourished body, whose organs are weary with overwork. Let your liver alone, starve it with the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in proper working order, and see how quickly your liver will become active and energetic. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvellous cures of "liver trouble" by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stomach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from poisonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

- 3-Birds-eye Walk and Superior street, James Bay.
- 4-Corner and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
- 5-Michigan and Menzies streets, James Bay.
- 6-Menzies and Niagara streets, James Bay.
- 7-Montreal and Kington streets, James Bay.
- 8-Montreal and Simcoe streets, James Bay.
- 9-Dallas Road and Simcoe street, James Bay.
- 10-Vancouver and Burdette avenue.
- 11-Douglas and Humboldt streets.
- 12-Humboldt and Rupert streets.
- 13-Yates and Broad streets.
- 24-Port and Government streets.
- 25-Jones and Wharf streets.
- 26-Spring and Government streets.
- 27-Douglas street, between Port and View streets.
- 27-No. 1 Fire Hall, Pandora street.
- 31-View and Blanchard streets.
- 32-Port and Quadra streets.
- 33-Yates and Quadra streets.
- 34-Cadboro and Stanley avenue.
- 35-Junction Oak Bay and Cadboro roads.
- 36-Cadboro and Richmond roads.
- 41-Quadra and Pandora streets.
- 42-Chatfield and Blanchard streets.
- 43-Caledonia and Cook streets.
- 45-Spring Ridge.
- 51-Douglas and Discovery streets.
- 52-Government and Princess avenue.
- 53-Kings road and Second street.
- 54-Fountain, Douglas street and Hillside avenue.
- 55-Oaklands Fire Hall.
- 62-Cornwall and Store streets.
- 62-Discovery and Store streets.
- 63-John and Bridge streets.
- 64-Spring and Douglas streets.
- 71-Douglas street and Burnside road.
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THE WAR.

The object of the reconnaissance from Belmont into the Free State is not explained. Bloemfontein, the capital of that republic, lies about one hundred miles from the frontier and a little to the north of east, and our cavalry having penetrated the enemy's territory twenty-five miles have covered a quarter of the distance to that town. This movement, taken in connection with the invasion of the Free State from the south by Gen. Wood, suggests a dash across country for the capture of the railway to Bloemfontein, whereby the forces opposed to Generals French and Gatacre would be cut off from their base of supplies. This part of the Free State, and indeed nearly the whole republic, consists of a level, open country, and as it seems to be free of any armed force, it would be easy for a column of our men to move freely in whatever direction they choose. The enemy can only oppose them by weakening their forces elsewhere.

A lot of rumors came from Natal, and while there is yet no definite information, it is very clear that an important movement is in progress. One of the most significant items is the request from Ladysmith by heliograph that the Pietermaritzburg people will send up jam. This clearly indicates that they think the siege well nigh over. The reports of strong entrenchments being deserted by the enemy and of the removal of their heavy guns from the south of Ladysmith justify the belief that the enemy is beginning to realize that he must get out of Natal, even if the rumor that he is already in full retreat is not true. The war office understands that Gen. Buller is ready to strike the enemy with his full force and from several directions. The rockets sent up from Ladysmith a few nights ago may be a signal of readiness for a simultaneous movement of besiegers and besieged.

CALL A HALT.

What was Mr. Speaker Forster thinking of yesterday when he sat idly in his seat while such unparliamentary language as "infamous," "dishonorable," "violation of oath," "lie," and so on were hurled backwards and forwards across the chamber. It can hardly be necessary to remind him that if this sort of thing is permitted, the house will become a bear garden. We are not disposed to plead for too great nicety of debate, for men must be allowed to express themselves forcibly, but there is a limit which ought not to be transgressed, and this limit was violated several times yesterday. If Mr. Forster would prevent the house from losing caste entirely he must interpose his authority to keep members to the use of language ordinarily employed between gentlemen. If speakers cannot be severe without being coarse, they would do well to avoid all attempts at severity.

RAIL TO THE NORTH.

We are heartily glad to have the Times join with us in agitating for the construction of a railway to the north end of the Island. It is with the greatest pleasure that we quote the following, which is the concluding paragraph of its leading article in yesterday's paper:

We must make travel to and from this city easy, cheap and attractive. We must have better connection with the transcontinental railways serving this city. We must be in better touch with the increasing population on the Mainland. We must not carp and cavil at every proposition. We must encourage all who are working in this direction. We must be prepared to pay liberally for better railway connection. We must work for the benefit of the many as against the interests of a few. Let us hope that before the new century dawns upon us Victoria will have mapped out for herself a new line for Progress, Profit and Prosperity.

This question must not be allowed to rest. It must be put before the people in the strongest possible way, and representations must be made to the federal and provincial governments so as to secure their co-operation.

PARLIAMENTARY RECORDS.

In his speech on the address Mr. Joseph Martin spoke of Mr. Semlin as having represented Yale for thirty years without being defeated. As statements of this nature if allowed to go uncontradicted are after a time taken as authoritative, it may be interesting to give the facts. It is now nearly twenty-nine years since Mr. Semlin was first elected to the legislature, but in 1875 he was unsuccessful as he also was in 1879. He was elected a second time in 1886 and has held a seat in the house for the same constituency ever since. This is the sixth provincial parliament of which Mr. Semlin has been a member, but it is the eighth parliament since confederation. The longest consecutive parliamentary term enjoyed by any one in this province since confederation fell to the lot of Mr. Beaven, who served continuously as a representative of Victoria from 1871 to 1894, or through six terms. Of the members of the first legislature after confederation the only other member to serve without defeat was Mr. Smythe, who represented Cowichan continuously from 1871 until his death in 1887. Of the first legislature Mr. Booth

is the only member who now sits in the house, but he was not in the house during four terms, his record embracing the first, sixth, seventh and eighth parliaments. Mr. Bryden is the only member of the second parliament who is in the present house. He was elected in 1875 but resigned the following year, and remained in private life until 1891. Mr. Helgesen is the representative of the third parliament in the present house. He sat for Esquimalt, from which constituency he was elected a member of the fourth parliament. The present is his third legislative term. Mr. Pooley was in the fourth parliament and has remained in ever since, this being his fifth term. Mr. Turner, Col. Baker and Mr. Higgins came in with the fifth parliament and have held seats in the house ever since. Of the present members the following came in for the first time in the sixth parliament: Messrs. Kellie, Smith, Forster, Eberts and Cotton. They were all in the seventh parliament. Thus we find that the father of the present house in point of continuous service is Mr. Pooley.

THE ATTACK ON THE GOVERNOR

We regret very much that the Kamloops Standard has violated all the principles of journalism by printing a very gross attack upon Lieutenant-Governor McInnes. In the heat of political controversy severe things are very often said, but the Standard passes all bounds permissible even in such a case, and there is no controversy now on in which the Lieutenant-Governor is even remotely concerned. That His Honor aroused a great deal of feeling by his dismissal at its height. The constitutionality of his course on that occasion was a proper subject for discussion, and nowhere was it more strongly condemned than in the columns of this paper. But to carry the attack into grossly indecent personalities was unthought-of then and is utterly reprehensible now. Moreover it must not be forgotten that the Lieutenant-Governor is the representative of Her Majesty, and at the opening of the legislature acts in that capacity. It is inconceivable that any person with any sense of responsibility should endeavor to bring such an official acting in such a capacity into contempt. We hope that the Standard will have some explanation to offer that can be accepted. We have found it editorially a moderate and reliable paper, with whose views we have usually been able to agree and shall regret very much if it is unable to remove this unfortunate blot from its record.

RICHARD III.

To-night the Shakespearean drama, Richard III, will be presented by Mr. Frederick Warde and his company. Among the conspicuous figures in British history there is none around whom a much keener interest centres than Richard, Duke of Gloucester, the last of the Plantagenets, who for a little over two years was the crown of England. He was thirty-three years old at the time of his death, and in his short life managed to gain a reputation for villainy perhaps unequalled in our history. How much of this was deserved and how much of it was due to the picture which Shakespeare drew of him must remain an open question. The great dramatist has fastened on him the guilt of the Duke of Clarence's death, but there is little or no historical evidence to support it. There is no manner of doubt, however, that he removed at the hands of the public executioner a number of prominent men who opposed his usurpation. The death of the young princes, his nephews, in the Tower is universally attributed to him, although the evidence is purely circumstantial, and it was held by many that Perkin Warbeck, who raised a rebellion in the reign of King Henry VII, was the younger of them. Nevertheless Richard caused it to be given out at the time of Buckingham's rebellion that the princes were dead, and there is hardly room for any doubt that they were killed in the tower by their uncle's order.

Yet Richard was not wholly a monster. Indeed so callous had the aristocracy of England become in consequence of the plots, intrigues, murders, executions and slaughter resulting from the Wars of the Roses, that we may reasonably make some allowance for him. In person Richard was undersized. There is a dispute as to whether or not he was deformed. His portraits disclose a refined and almost gentle countenance. He was courageous and possessed many of the qualities of popularity. If the fate of the young princes had not alienated the hearts of the common people from him Richard might have had a long and brilliant reign. Short as was his occupation of the throne, it was marked by the removal of the restrictions which prevented the importation of books, and by the recognition to the fullest extent of the rights of parliament, which Goldwin Smith says then acquired even wider rights than are now enjoyed by that body. How much this self-effacement of the sovereign was due to his appreciation of representative government, and how much to his desire to make his usurpation palatable to the people it is fruitless now to inquire. His death on Bosworth field was a fitting climax of a life of violence and bloodshed.

The members on the government side of the house, who have spoken so far, have exhausted their ingenuity in discovery of language applicable to Mr. Joseph Martin. Yet when less than

six months ago the Colonist directed its attention to some of Mr. Martin's political misdeeds, these same gentlemen and the newspapers supporting them fairly beslobbered him with fulsome praise. Their sugar has turned to vinegar.

After Mr. Dunsuair's explicit confirmation of Mr. Martin's statement of the latter's attitude in the house, which is precisely as was explained in the Colonist on Saturday, there will be no further question on that point.

A CARD.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a twenty-five cent bottle of Dr. Williams' English Pills, if after using three-fourths of contents of bottle, they do not relieve Constipation and Headache. We also warrant that four bottles will permanently cure the most obstinate case of Constipation. Satisfaction or no pay when Williams' English Pills are used. Dean & Hiscock's, druggists cor. Yates and Broad streets, Victoria, B.C. Chas. E. Jones, People's Pharmacy, 20 and 32 Government street, Victoria, B.C. D. B. Campbell, chemist, cor. Fort and Douglas streets, Victoria, B.C. Moore & Co., druggists, Yates street, Victoria, B.C. Wm. Jackson & Co., chemists, Victoria, B.C.

A PUBLIC MEETING

Of the citizens of Victoria (ladies and gentlemen) will be held

Wednesday Jan. 17

At 8 p.m.

IN THE VICTORIA THEATRE

Which has kindly been donated by Mr. Robert Jamieson.

The object of the meeting will be to consider and act on Lord Strathcona's noble offer to equip a Mounted Force of four hundred men for service in South Africa, to approve and act on the offer of the Legislature of this Province to raise and equip a force of one hundred Mounted Men for the same service, and other matters touching our present duty as loyal subjects of the Empire.

CHAS. HAYWARD,

Mayor.

January 13, 1900

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TWO NIGHTS Monday Tuesday
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"The Lion's Mouth."

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TUESDAY NIGHT.

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The following items of interest are in addition to those mentioned in the Sale list:

496 pairs Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hosiery, worth from 50c. to 1.50. Sale price 35c. pair
9 Black Ostrich Feather Boas, were \$2.75. Sale price \$1.50
6 Black Ostrich Boas, were \$7.50 to \$9.50. Sale price \$3.50
3 Black Ostrich Boas, were \$12.50. Sale price \$6.50
3 Black Ostrich Boas, were \$15. Sale price \$7.50
2 Black Ostrich Boas, were \$20. Sale price \$9.50
6 Chiffon and Feather Collars, light shades, were \$3.50 to \$5. Sale price 50c
50 Cards Torchon Laces, 12 yards for 15c
30 Cards Flanellette Embroideries, were 5c and 8c. Sale price 3c yard
15 pieces various Chiffons, pleated and plain, were \$1. Sale price 50c
10 pieces same goods, were 50c and 75c. Sale price 25c
Another lot same price, 15c, 10c, 5c
50 Cards Real Torchon Lace, Sale price 25c to 8c, less than half the regular price.
30 pairs Satin and Velvet Ribbons, all colors, were 25c to 50c. Sale price 10c yard
65 Braid and Jet Ornaments, were \$1.85 to \$1.88. Sale price 50c
A few much better ones, Sale price 1c
25 pieces Black Braid Dress Trimmings, half usual prices. Now 10c and 15c yard
300 Boys' Sweaters, new goods. Sale price 45c
7 Boys' English Coat Overcoats. Sale price \$2.50 and \$3
164 Sample Curtains and Ends. Sale price 10c and 25c
(The curtains of which these are samples would sell for \$1.75 per pair)
10 Large Size Down Quilts, were \$8.50. Sale price \$4.90
Small size Down Quilts, \$2.25 and \$4.90

Millinery and Cloak Departments.
In the Millinery and Cloak Departments the reductions are remarkable.
All Trimmed Hats and Bonnets. Sale price \$1 and \$2.50
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All Wings and Flowers. Sale price 10c and 25c
Infants' Caps and Hoods. Sale price 25c and 50c
Jet and Steel Ornaments. Sale price 10c
(There are goods up to \$1.50 in this lot)
25 Ladies' Jackets, old style. Sale price \$1 each
20 Ladies' Black Cloth Jackets. Sale price \$2.50
(Jackets up to \$15 in this lot)
17 Ladies' Black and Colored Jackets. Sale price \$5
52 Ladies' Black and Colored Jackets. Sale price \$10
(Many at \$20 and \$25 in this lot)
18 Ladies' Black and Colored Jackets. Sale price \$15
(Costs from \$25 to \$35 in this lot)
62 Children's Short Jackets, regular \$3.75 to \$4.75. Sale price \$2.75
16 Children's Short Jackets, all above \$5. Sale price \$3.75
16 Child's Long Ulsters, regular \$5.50 to \$7. Sale price \$3.75
8 Ladies' Fawn Cloth Capes. Sale price \$3.75
10 Ladies' Fawn Cloth Capes. Sale price \$3.75
8 Ladies' Fawn Capes. Sale price \$7.50
10 Ladies' Fawn Capes. Sale price \$10
(Many less than half price)
5 ensembles Ladies' New Outside Skirts, ready to wear, bought at a big discount and put in the sale. All skirts are well made, lined, finished, velvet bound and of the latest cut.
(Worth in the regular way considerably more)
Two lines of Serge Skirts, not lined. Sale price \$1 and \$1.05
11 Ladies' Black Velvet Capes, were \$50 to \$100. Sale price \$35 to \$50
15 Black Cloth Capes, were \$5 to \$15. Sale price \$3.00
12 very good Black Cloth Capes, were \$17.50 to \$25. Sale price \$10.50 to \$15
20 Golf Capes, new, were \$7.50 to \$20. Now \$4.00 to \$13.75
We have been very successful with our tailor-made costumes this winter. We have a few left over; prices from \$17.50 to \$25. For this sale they will be marked \$11.50 to \$16.50.
The few remaining Ladies' Mackintoshes, ranging up to \$12.50, will be sold at \$2.50.
21 Ladies' Dressing Jackets, reduced from \$2.50 to \$1.25.
Ladies' Tea Gowns, regular price \$12.50. Sale price \$7.00
Flannellette Wrappers, regular price 1.25 to \$3.75. Sale price now 95c to \$2.65
Ladies' Flannel Dressing Gowns, all new goods. \$3.75 to \$8.75

Gloves
Ladies' Kid Gloves, sizes 5 1/2, 5 3/4, 6, 6 1/4, black and tans. Sale price 50c
10 boxes Kid Gloves, some 4-button, others 2-clasp, others 3-button Mosquitario, elbow length, all sizes; gloves worth up to \$1.50. Sale price 75c
3 boxes Finest French Kid Gloves, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, black and colors, all sizes. Sale price \$1 a pair
Long Evening Silk Gloves, regular \$1 and \$1.25. Sale price 50c
200 pairs Children's Wool Gloves and Mitts, regular 15c to 25c. Sale price 10c
Ladies' and Girls' Lined Fur Top Gloves, regular \$1. Sale price 75c
Cushion Covers, were 50c and 65c. Sale price 25c
Roman Embroidery and Battenberg Lace Squares and Runners reduced for the sale.
A lot of soiled stamped goods marked to clear.
Tea Cosies, 20c to 95c each; greatly reduced.
Some fine Wool Shawls, slightly soiled, reduced.

Handkerchiefs
12 boxes Hemstitched Japonette Handkerchiefs, very fine, regular \$3. Sale price \$1.50 per dozen
6 boxes same quality, smaller size, regular \$1.75 per dozen. Sale price \$1 per dozen
80 boxes handkerchiefs, oddments left over from Xmas. Sale price 10c each
150 dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, a dozen different sorts, some lace edged. Sale price 1c each
All the Handkerchiefs used in decorating the store at Christmas. Sale price 1c each

Laces
100 cards lace at 5c, 10c and 15c per yard; every piece worth double or more.
Embroideries at special prices.
Remnants and short ends very cheap.

Ladies' Outfitting
200 pairs Corsets, six different styles, not all sizes in each style, but all sizes in the lot, regular prices 75c to \$2.50. Sale price 50c
50 pairs H. C. Soutien Corsets, regular \$2 to \$2.50. Sale price \$1
78 pairs C. B. Corsets, regular \$2.50. Sale price \$1.50
White Muslin Underwear, some garments soiled and mended, French samples, Gowns, Chemises, Drawers and Corset Covers, Combination Chemise and Skirt, Fancy Skirt for evening wear; all very much reduced.
Flannellette Underwear reduced.
Silk Blouses reduced.
Ladies' Undershirts, cloth, moreen and silk, all reduced.
Ladies' Cashmere Jerseys, special prices.
Child's Frocks reduced.
Child's Hats reduced.
Child's Pinafors and Aprons reduced.

Ladies' Underwear
25 dozen Ladies' Heavy Cotton Vests, three back. Sale price 25c
5 dozen Ladies' Wool and Cotton Mixed Drawers. Sale price 35c
13 dozen English Natural Wool Vest and Drawers, regular \$1.75. Sale price \$1.25
18 dozen Ladies' Soft Finish Vests, regular 20c. Sale price 12 1/2c
Ladies' Fine White Wool Vests. Sale price 35c
Ladies' Natural Wool Vests, short sleeves. Sale price 50c and 65c
8 dozen Ladies' Natural Wool Ribbed Combinations, regular \$1.25. Sale price 85c
Ladies' Fine English Combinations, worth \$2. Sale price \$1.75
Ladies' Fine Wool Combinations, full fashioned, will not shrink, very soft make, regular \$3.50 and \$3.75. Sale price \$2.75 and \$3.25
Ladies' Silk and Wool Vests, short sleeves, regular \$2.50. Sale price \$1.25
Ladies' Pure Silk Vests, worth \$2.50 to \$3.75, soiled. Sale price \$1.25
24 dozen Child's Wool and Cotton Mixed drawers, regular 25c and 30c. Sale price 20c
44 dozen Child's Vests, regular 15c, 20c and 25c. Sale price 10c
25 dozen Child's Heavy Rib Vests, wool with cotton back, regular prices 15c to 45c. Sale price 10c to 25c
25 dozen Girls' Natural Wool Vests. Oldiments and Children's Underwear marked very cheap.

Hose
25 dozen Boys' Heavy All Wool Stockings. Sale price 10, 15 and 20c
8 dozen Ladies' Black Silk Hose, colored. Silk soles; regular, \$1.00. Sale price 50c
25 dozen Ladies' Fancy Silk and Lisle

Thread Hose; regular, up to \$1.75. Sale price, 50c.
50 dozen Ladies' Black, All Wool, Fine Cashmere Hosiery worth 50c. Sale price, 3 pairs for \$1.00
9 1/2 dozen Child's Black Silk Hose, 5/8 to 3/4 inches; regular, \$1.00. Sale price, 50c a pair
4 1/2 dozen Misses Fine Rib Silk Hose; regular, \$1.50. Sale price, 75c a pair
15 dozen odd shades Tan and Red Cashmere Hose; regular, up to 75c. Sale price, 25c a pair

Umbrellas
Special line, fancy handles. Sale price, 50c
Other lines natural and fancy handles. Paragon frames. Special sale prices, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.90 and \$2.50.

Feather Boas
Regular 75c. Sale price, 40c
Regular \$1.50. Sale price, \$1.00
Regular \$2.50. Sale price, \$1.50

Furs
All Furs reduced.

Dress Goods
36 pieces various Dress Materials. Regular prices, 50c to 75c. Sale price 25c
26 pieces various Dress Material. Regular price 75c to \$1.25. Sale price 50c
48 pieces All Wool Cashmeres, 10 shades new goods. Sale price, 35c
20 pieces Astrakhan Cloakings, all colors. Regular sale price, 75c
11 pieces various Black Dress Goods, plain and fancy. Regular price 65c to 85c. Sale price, 50c
Fine Serges and Coatings, Blistered Crepons, etc. All reduced.

Silks
7 pieces Fancy Silk, regular 75c. Sale price 50c
12 pieces Striped Taffetas and Fancy Figured Silk; regular \$1.00 and 85c. Sale price 50c
20 pieces Fancy Plaid Taffetas; regular \$1.00. Sale price 75c
50 pieces Fancy Taffetas; regular \$1.00 and \$1.50. Sale price 75c
Short Glances and Satin Striped Moirettes, 75c; Plain Moirettes; regular 65c. Sale price 25c
2 pieces All Silk Black Figures; regular \$1.25. Sale price 75c
3 pieces All Silk Black Figures; regular \$1.50. Sale price \$1.15 to \$2.00. Sale price \$1.35
8 pieces Plain Bengaline, various colors; regular \$1.25. Sale price 75c
White and Fancy Brocades, rich goods, all reduced.
Blouse lengths and shorter remnants, very much reduced.

Art Muslins
21 pieces Art Muslin. Sale price 35c
10 pieces French Printed Satteens; regular price 50c. Sale price 35c
8 pieces French Printed and Brocade Satteens; regular price 50c. Sale price 25c
10 pieces Fancy Velvets for Cushions and Draperies; regular price \$2. Sale price \$1.25
30 pieces Golden Draperies; regular price 20 and 25c. Sale price 15c
5 pieces Furniture Cretonnes, 7 1/2 x 3 pieces, regular price 15c. now 11c

Linens
800 Linen Table Cloths, all sizes, from 2 yards by 2 yards to 2 yards by 6 yards. Some slightly soiled through handling; all very much reduced. Sale price from 75c each
195 dozen Irish Linen Napkins, all reduced. Sale price from 65c per doz.
Half-Bleached Table Linens. Sale price from 20c per yard
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Special White H. C. Towels, good size. Sale price 5c each
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Fancy Linens
Sideboard Cloths, Table Centres, Tray Cloths, Five O'clock Tea Cloths; all reduced. Some special good bargains are to be found in this lot.
10 pieces Irish Linen Roller Towelling; regular price 15c per yard. Sale price 10c per yard

Blankets
All White Blankets, slightly soiled, reduced. Sale prices from \$2.50 pr pair
Down Quilts and Wadded Comforts all reduced.

Boys' Suits
90 Boys' Suits Samples made of Navy Serges, various styles and qualities, all reduced. all at \$1.00 each
10 Brownie Suits, 3-piece; regular \$2.50 and \$4.00. Sale price \$1.00
24 Brownie Suits, 3-piece; regular \$4.00 and \$4.50. Sale price \$3.00
9 Navy and Myrtle, fine cloth, 3-piece suits; regular price \$4.75. Sale price \$2.50
10 Corduroy Blouse Suits. Sale price \$2.50
50 Boys' Pants, Heavy Twined; regular price 50c. Sizes 22 to 25. Sale price 25c
500 pairs Boys' Pants, Brown and Gray Halfcut. Sale price 45c, 50c and 60c
50 Boys' Reeler Jackets. Sale price \$1.50
50 Boys' Reeler Jackets. Sale price \$1.25
25 Boys' Reeler Jackets. Sale price \$1.50
These Boys' Coats came in late, and are reduced to the above prices to avoid holding them till next winter.

Men's Furnishings
85 dozen Men's and Boys' Bow Ties; regular price 25c. Sale price 5c
10 boxes Men's Puff Ties; regular price 65. Sale price 25c
12 boxes Bow Ties; regular price 50c. Sale price 25c
10 dozen Men's Fancy Shirts, Silk Fronts; regular price \$1.50. Sale price \$1.00
25 dozen Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers; regular price \$1.25. Sale price 75c
10 dozen Men's All Wool Stripe Shirts and Drawers; regular price 85c. Sale price 50c
18 dozen Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers; regular price 75c. Sale price 50c
50 dozen Men's Fine Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, heavy make; regular price \$1.25. Sale price 75c
We shall not be able to duplicate this Wool Underwear.
Oddments and broken lots very cheap.

Shoes
30 pair Ladies' Dongola Boots; regular price \$1.75 to \$2.50. Sale price \$1.25
30 pair Ladies' Fine Dongola Hand Turn Boots, and a line of Goodyear Welts; regular price \$2.75 to \$3.75. Sale price \$1.75
30 pair Ladies' Goodyear Welt Chocolate Oxfords; regular price \$2.25. Sale price \$1.50
30 pair Ladies' Hand Turn Dongola Oxfords; regular price \$1.70. Sale price \$1.00
60 pairs Men's Dongola Boots; regular price \$2.75. Sale price \$2.00
60 pairs Boys' Strong School Boots, sizes 1-5. Worth \$1.50. Sale price \$1.00
60 pairs Boys' Strong School Boots, sizes 11-13. Worth \$1.25. Sale price 85c
60 pairs Girls' Ironclad Oil Grain School Boots, sizes 11-2; regular price \$1.40. Sale price \$1.15
60 pairs Girls' Ironclad Oil Grain School Boots, sizes 8-10 1/2; regular price \$1.25. Sale price 90c
Felt Bedroom Slippers. Sale price \$1.25 and \$1.75. Sale price \$1.00

Carpets
25 pieces Tapestry Carpet from 65c to 85c per yard. For this sale only 45c per yard.
Westminster Squares 3x3 were \$10.00. Now \$8.50
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Lot of Window Shades 35c each, a bargain.
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40 pairs Nottingham Lace Curtains, 70c pair
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By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
Tuesday, Jan. 16.		Wednesday, Jan. 17.	
7:10 a.m.	8.9 feet.	1:30 a.m.	8.7 feet.
9:20 a.m.	8.4 feet.	10:00 a.m.	7.8 feet.
12:00 p.m.	9.3 feet.	1:00 p.m.	9.0 feet.
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Mrs. Lombard will resume her music teaching January 4, at 56 Collinson street.

Golf.—Just arrived, a splendid stock of Golf Goods a Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

A Committee Meeting.—A meeting of the Mansion House Fund committee will be held at the office of Lt.-Col. Gregory this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Superior Madras muslin, artistic designs and colorings, liberty cretonnes and satens at Weiler Bros.

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Died in Alaska.—Mrs. Herbert Lister has received the sad news of her husband's death in Alaska.

Twenty per cent. off Overcoats and Raincoats at Fit Reform Wardrobe for two weeks only.

Got Six Months.—In the provincial police court yesterday the Jap who threatened to kill Mrs. Thistle was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

Death's Hand.—The death occurred at the Old Men's Home yesterday of J. F. L. Pemash. Deceased was 73 years of age. He formerly conducted a second-hand store on Johnson street.

Not Correct.—The report published yesterday to the effect that the proprietor of the Bank Exchange saloon had again been summoned for selling liquor during prohibited hours was not correct.

"The Messiah."—The rehearsals for "The Messiah" will be continued as usual at the city hall at 8 p.m. for the chorus on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the orchestra on Wednesdays.

Doctors' Banquet.—The members of the recently formed Victoria Medical Society will hold a banquet at the Grand hotel on Thursday evening next. Invitations have been extended to a number of the medical fraternity in Vancouver.

Snow in White Pass.—According to a statement made by Superintendent Rogers of the White Pass & Yukon railway, the snowfall during December at the points named was: Glacier, 90½ inches; White Pass, 55; Fraser, 42½; Log Cabin, 74½.

Jordan River Victim.—Karl Jacob West, who was drowned in the Jordan river on Saturday, only recently saved a man from drowning very close to where he himself lost his life. All efforts to recover West's body have so far failed, although his boat was found yesterday.

The public are invited to the Macca-bees' free smoker in K. of P. hall, Broad street, this evening.

Grand Concert.—There is to be a grand concert in the public hall at Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, on Thursday evening in aid of the fund to complete the public telephone system on the island. Besides songs and recitations there will be a gramophone exhibition by Mr. F. J. Bitancourt.

Laid at Rest.—The funeral of Douglas, third son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. D. Simpson, took place from the family residence, 85 Superior street, yesterday afternoon, the many beautiful floral offerings testifying the love and esteem in which he was held. The pall-bearers were Masters J. Jamieson, C. Cameron, W. Fraser, V. Ireland, J. Ede, D. McDowell, A. Spragge and J. Sparrow.

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City Police Court.—The Keeler family were in the police court again yesterday morning, this time in the role of prosecutors. Mrs. Keeler charged Arthur Driscoll, a boy, with assaulting her. The charge was proved and the boy was fined \$15 or 30 days in the house of hard labor. James Dean, for vagrancy, did not appear, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. He has left the city.

Auction at Work Point Barracks.—At 2 o'clock today Auctioneer Hardaker will commence the sale of Major Moir's valuable furniture and effects, including one of the finest pianos to be found in the province. Major Moir leaves on Thursday for the Cape, where he has been suddenly ordered on active service. This will be a grand opportunity to purchase some of the best make of English furnishings at a bargain, as everything must be disposed of.

The Date Is To-morrow.—The date of the auction sale of valuable furniture, piano, etc., at Foul Bay, was by some strange mistake not inserted in the advertisement on Sunday morning. The sale will take place to-morrow (Wednesday). The goods will not be on view until 9 a.m. on morning of sale. The auctioneers, the Cuthbert-Browne Company, Ltd., desire to draw the attention of the public to the large number of specialties in this sale, particularly the large and most important items. The Klondike canoes alone are worth \$500.

Will Hold a Banquet.—Members of the Arctic Brotherhood, an organization organized by the miners and traders of the Yukon valley, held a meeting at the Hotel Victoria yesterday and decided to give a banquet on Saturday evening. There are known to be about 30 members in Victoria, and invitations will be sent to Vancouver and the Sound cities, so there will probably be twice that number present. Mr. James H. Hays, secretary of the committee, and members of the Brotherhood wishing to attend are requested to send their names to him.

Chinese Reformer.—Leong Ki Chew, the chief lieutenant of Kang Yu-Wei, the Chinese reformer who spent last summer in Victoria, is expected here shortly. Leong left the Orient on the steamer Hongkong Maru for San Francisco, but fearing that he would not be allowed to land at the Bay City, or that his life would be in danger there, left the steamer at Honolulu. It is thought that he will either make his way to this Coast on a sailing vessel or come to Victoria by the next Canadian-Australian liner.

Above all things don't become a drunkard; use whiskey moderately and use the best. Jesse Moore "AA" is the purest and best.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

To the Editor of the Colonist:
Sir,—His Worship Mayor Hayward inaugurates his mayoralty well by calling a public meeting to give the public vent for the state of suppressed patriotism that pervades the whole community, as this is all that is apparent on the surface of the notice, no definite line of procedure being suggested unless it is proposed to call for volunteers, equine and otherwise, on the spot.

But the object is good just the same, and only requires turning to some definite account by, for instance an official patriotic committee of twelve with the Mayor as chairman, to take charge of all matters of this nature (also acting locally on behalf of the Governor-General's Patriotic fund) as there will be ample need for such a committee before the war is over. Such a representative meeting might also be taken advantage of to vote the small balance of all moneys collected for the Mansion House fund to a general Patriotic fund to be devoted in future to Canadian contingents.

It has often been a surprise that some more able pen has not agitated for the creation of a central Canadian Patriotic Fund for relieving the Imperial government of the entire expense of the Canadian troops by popular subscription, which will not only give the statesman a chance of fighting for their country in a practical way, but will also be an unmistakable answer to those who have reminded us that we contribute little or nothing to the defence of the Empire.

LOYALIST.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the Colonist:
Sir: It is reported in the Colonist of last Friday and also in the Times of today that Mr. Ralph Smith, during his speech in the legislature last Thursday, read the following resolution passed by the Victoria Trades and Labor Council: "That we continue to give our confidence, sympathy and support to the present government, and we view the conduct of the opposition with aversion, and the action of Mr. Martin with disfavor and suspicion." It is reported that during the reading of the same there were government cheers. For what? A resolution which was not worth the paper it was written on, and of no importance whatever. Through Mr. Smith's portance whatever we think otherwise, as it emanated simply from one or two wretched politicians, who got a hastily summoned meeting on the Wednesday evening to pass the resolution, so that Mr. Smith could have it for his speech on Thursday. Not one of the representatives was instructed by the society he represented to vote for such a resolution.

I for one must therefore protest against the name of the Trades and Labor Council being prostituted to serve as a covering to the political ends of one or two erratic politicians and used in the interests of any one political party. Should this line of action be continued by the few members of the council who are addicted to the same, they will not have the confidence and sympathy of many warm friends of labor or laborers themselves. That they have at present, but their conduct would be very properly viewed with aversion and their actions with disfavor and suspicion.

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President, Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' Union.
January 15, 1900.

An Affront to The Legislature.

Kamloops Publisher Taken to Task for Lampooning Opening Proceedings.

Mr. Martin's Advent in Opposition Again the Subject of Discussion.

Interest in yesterday's session of the legislature centred not in the main proceedings, but in an incident that presented itself just before the adjournment. It was introduced by Mr. Joseph Martin directing attention to a remarkable publication in the Kamloops Standard, in connection with a report of the opening, in which His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is held up to contempt and ridicule, the language and tenor of the paragraphs quoted being of a character seldom heard of in Canadian journalism. Premier Selin intimated that he had hoped so outrageous a publication would have been allowed to pass with silent contempt; but the matter having been presented to public consideration it was stated by the Attorney-General and the President of the Council that proper proceedings would be taken to punish the offenders. It is anticipated that the party or parties responsible will be brought before the bar of the house, although the process of dealing with their case is not yet outlined. Quite possibly the procedure adopted will find into use for the first time the legislation brought forward by the late Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee for the punishment of members of parliament and other public men, in 1892—as a sequence of the memorable case of the Kennedy Brothers of New Westminster. That celebrated case in no way resembled, however, the present, which is described as virtually one of the most majestic—the first instance of direct and positive insult to a representative of the crown in the history of British Columbia. The business of yesterday in the house was restricted to the continuance of the debate upon the speech, Hon. Dr. McKechnie concluding his remarks, and Mr. A. E. McPhillips continuing the discussion—speaking for three hours or thereabouts, and then moving the adjournment of the debate.

PETITION.

Upon the opening of the house without formality, prayers being dispensed with for the first time during the session, the petition of the Kitimaat-Caledonia Co., Ltd., for incorporation, was read and received.

DEBATING THE ADDRESS.

HON. DR. MCKECHNIE, continuing the debate upon Mr. Turner's amendment to the motion for a reply to His Honor's speech, said that before moving the adjournment of the debate on Monday he had been engaged in criticizing the remarks of the opposition leader, advanced as justification for the amendment. He did not intend to repeat the arguments he had then advanced, nor even to recapitulate. The leader of the opposition had based his argument on certain grounds, and had ended with the conclusion that the government had lost the confidence of the country. One of the reasons advanced for this conclusion had been the adverse votes recorded during the first day of the session. On ordinary occasions an adverse vote was significant and important. It meant that either the government had lost votes upon its policy or principles in ordinary cases. In the present particular case, however, it meant nothing of the kind. It meant only that under peculiar circumstances in no way touching the policy or principles of the government, the opposition had gained two votes by defections on private grounds from the government side, while the government was missing the votes of two members who had not yet arrived to take their seats in the house. These changes or conditions had not been brought about by any change of government principle or policy, and therefore failed to justify the conclusions upon which the amendment had been based. As for the position of the members for Vancouver city (Mr. Martin) and for Esquimalt (Mr. Higgins), he denied that either had as yet justified his transference of allegiance, or been endorsed or sustained by his constituents in the course pursued. The two gentlemen referred to at all events must be in possession of some abnormally developed additional sense to detect the change in feeling in their constituencies that would justify the course they had seen fit to pursue. It certainly not having been apparent to anyone else. In order to properly determine the feelings of their constituents, he advised that the two gentlemen who had changed their allegiance should test the electorate by the honest and only conclusive expression of the secret ballot. Referring to what he considered the bombastic challenge of the junior member for Vancouver city, that either of three of the ministers or the honorable member for South Nanaimo should resign and contest his constituency with him, he held that the junior member for Vancouver had a singularly flattering opinion of his own superlative ability and of the feeling of the country toward him. It certainly seemed strange that he had not himself resigned and appealed to the city of Vancouver at the first opportunity, which, however, he had not done. If he had taken this course he would have learned by the secret ballot exactly the majority by which he would have been left at home. He claimed, too, that the honorable junior member for Esquimalt had also failed utterly to justify his presence in opposition. This honorable gentleman had frequently expressed his high opinion of his own worth and the value of his political services to the country; and had intimated that he had felt slighted when after he had earned a superior position to that of a private member, his position had not been intimate for a moment that the honorable junior member for Esquimalt had quit the government side and placed himself in direct antagonism to the party

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he had been elected to support because room had not been made for him in the cabinet—he would not suggest this because the honorable junior member for Esquimalt had repeatedly said that he did not want and would not accept a portfolio, this after a comprehensive reiteration of his many qualifications for such a position—yet in view of his explanations not being in any way sufficient to justify his change of faith politically, it would be necessary to look below the surface for the real reasons actuating his conduct since the last session of the house. The junior member for Esquimalt had leaped to the conclusion that certain members of the government had been making overtures to their opponents for coalition at a sacrifice of principle. It would have been an easy matter for him to have asked for and obtained the truth, yet he had preferred to jump at a conclusion and jump to the other side of the house.

Passing next to Mr. Joseph Martin's references to the Nanaimo Herald and his own connection therewith, the honorable junior member for Vancouver had repeatedly intimated to the house that the paper in question was owned by himself (Hon. Dr. McKechnie) and the member for South Nanaimo, the house being persistently led to believe that its policy and editorial utterances were largely dictated or controlled by them. This he denied. It was true that he held stock in the publishing company, a public company, but he had at no time sought to stifle the Herald's voice in matters of public interest. The Herald was not a party paper, but a labor journal altogether. He had never suggested or dictated the Herald's editorial policy, so that the paragraphs in question could not in fairness be attributed to him or credited to him or the member for South Nanaimo—they did not represent that gentleman's views nor yet his own. But in connection with the matters complained of in the extra of the Herald to which the junior member for Vancouver had devoted so much attention—had that honorable gentleman disapproved them? He would read in this connection a telegram that honorable gentleman had sent to the editor of another Nanaimo paper. It was to the effect: "McKechnie refuses to say if responsible for extra of Herald. Smith repudiates any responsibility. Have asked McKechnie and Smith to meet me at a public meeting at Nanaimo. Extra of Herald full of false statements."

It was to the last sentence that he wished to direct special attention. The extra of the Herald was described as "full of false statements." Was this the fact? The junior member for Vancouver had certainly failed to prove that the statements were false. He had indeed only attacked two particular paragraphs, of which the following was one:

"During the sitting of the arbitration on the special rule—in Nanaimo—we are informed that Mr. James Dunsinuir, in connection with our city members, said that Mr. Joseph Martin came to his office in Victoria, and in the course of conversation said that if Dunsinuir and his party would stick together and help him, he would stick to them, and together they would defeat the government."

With respect to this particular paragraph he would challenge the junior member for Vancouver to deny to the house that it was true.

Here Hon. Dr. McKechnie paused for a moment, and then repeated his questioning challenge, resuming his seat to give the junior member for Vancouver opportunity to reply.

"Certainly it is not true," said Mr. Martin, rising. "The statement in that paper that I had joined the opposition is not only untrue, it is what might very well be called in plain words, a lie. I think I made sufficiently clear the position I have assumed. I am not with either of the principles or their policy. The only thing I have in common with them is the desire to defeat the government."

Hon. Dr. McKechnie deplored the use of so unparliamentary a term, and again reading the paragraph in the extra of the Nanaimo Herald to which he had referred, said that he had been

assured by the honorable member for Comox that the statements therein contained were substantially correct. There had been no privacy about this matter. The honorable member for Comox had spoken in the presence of several gentlemen; and as he had yet to learn of any action or word of that honorable gentleman that would deprive him of recognition as an honorable gentleman, and as he believed that the member for Comox was far above the telling of an untruth, he would ask that honorable gentleman if the statement he now made was not correct "that Joseph Martin came to his office in Victoria, and in the course of conversation said that if Dunsinuir and his party would stick together and help him, he would stick to them, and together they would defeat the government?"

Mr. Dunsinuir—All I can say is that they are substantially true.

Mr. Martin claimed the indulgence of the house for a word of explanation. He had said that nothing whatever in the nature of a compact or alliance had been made between Mr. Dunsinuir and himself for political allegiance—no understanding had been brought about that would suggest or entail his joining the opposition. The one point upon which he had promised his assistance and co-operation was in endeavoring to bring about the downfall of the government. It became his turn to apply to the honorable member for Comox for corroboration.

Mr. Dunsinuir intimated that Mr. Martin had correctly described the limited nature of his support to the opposition.

Mr. Martin continued to explain that he had found that the Minister of Finance had approached certain members of the opposition with a view to arranging a coalition. He had questioned the members of the opposition and had ascertained that this was correct, and at the same time he had been assured that there was no possibility of the Finance Minister being successful—Mr. Dunsinuir and others of the members of the opposition declared that they would stand together and oppose the government, and he had said that he would find him with them in this endeavor.

"That's exactly what occurred," corroborated Mr. Dunsinuir.

"And that is just what is stated in this paper which the junior member for Vancouver has characterized as a lie," observed Hon. Dr. McKechnie.

"It is not," interjected Mr. Martin. "All through that paper it is indicated that I had renounced my principles and joined the opposition. This I again deny. All that the opposition and I have in common is the desire and intention to defeat the government."

Continuing his address, Hon. Dr. McKechnie said that Mr. Martin had, in dealing with his own retirement from the government, called upon all who looked upon as sufficient the reasons presented for asking his resignation to "stand up." He had at the time recognized this style of opposition as somewhat familiar, but he could not just at the moment recall what it reminded him of. He now remembered that it was very like an experience he had had in early youth, when he was a regular attendant at Sunday school, and a teacher had called upon all the good little children who wanted to go to Heaven to stand up.

Mr. Eberts—And did you stand up?
Mr. Helmcken—I notice you're still here. (Laughter.)

"I might have been unable to get a return ticket," observed the President of the Council.

Continuing his address, Hon. Dr. McKechnie disputed the correctness of Mr. Martin's declaration that he had not gone back upon his principles. He held that in going to Winnipeg to help his brother in the latter's campaign, Mr. Martin had used his ability directly against the first straight labor candidate who had ever offered himself for the Dominion house. If Mr. Martin had stuck to his declared principles, he would have assisted the government even against his own brother—he having stated on a certain memorable occasion at Rossland that his friends were the working men, and that he had nothing to do with the "white-shirted hoboes." He declared with emphasis that Mr. Martin when he broke from his party should have gone back to his constituents without delay for their endorsement or condemnation of his action. He also censured the junior member for Vancouver upon his arraignment of the acts and omissions of the government. Mr. Martin had charged the government with neglecting to carry out the legislation of last session, and had specifically asked why the Torrens system of land registration had not been carried into operation by proclamation. He held that, inasmuch as Mr. Martin had remained attorney-general for seven months after the close of the session, if anyone had been guilty of shirking his duty in this connection it was that gentleman himself. The same would apply to the junior member for Vancouver's remarks with reference to the Crown's Nest Pass land grant.

Passing next to Mr. Martin's "brutal and vicious" attack upon the honored and honorable leader of the government, he thought that no man in British Columbia could be said to have a cleaner or more honorable record than the Hon. Chas. A. (Continued on Sixth Page.)

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Jan. 15.—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.
The barometer is falling over this province in advance of an ocean low area approaching Vancouver Island. This will cause mild, rainy weather over the Pacific Slope, and probably high southerly winds off this and the Washington coasts. Rain is falling along the American seaboard, and snow in Western Oregon and Cariboo. Another mild spell will spread eastward from Alberta to Manitoba.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria.....	42	46
New Westminster.....	36	40
Kamloops.....	24	38
Barkerville.....	10	28
Calgary.....	14	24
Winnipeg.....	6	24
Portland, Ore.....	36	46
San Francisco.....	46	52

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time),
Today:
Victoria and Vicinity—Fresh to strong south and southeast winds; unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.
Lower Mainland—Fresh easterly to southerly winds; continued mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, Jan. 14.

Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.....44	Mean.....43	
Noon.....46	Highest.....46	
5 p.m.....43	Lowest.....41	

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m.....7 miles southwest.
Noon.....10 miles southeast.
5 p.m.....8 miles southeast.

Average state of weather—Fair.
Rain—0.03 inch.
Sunshine—5 hours 30 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....30.068
Corrected.....30.087

MONDAY, Jan. 15.

Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a.m.....42	Mean.....42	
Noon.....42	Highest.....46	
5 p.m.....43	Lowest.....39	

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a.m.....6 miles east.
Noon.....8 miles northwest.
5 p.m.....Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy with showers.
Rain—0.04 inch.
Barometer at noon—Observed.....29.864
Corrected.....29.880

THE GOLD PRODUCTION OF THE WORLD IN 1899.

Sir: The "Mineral Industry" gives a close estimate of the output of gold by the different countries of the world. Of course it is rather put out that the States is not the leader. It gives the value raised by the States as \$72,480,055.

Australia.....	\$178,082,171
Canada.....	18,049,933
India.....	8,498,571
South Africa.....	74,219,003
Total.....	\$178,819,038

in round numbers two and a half times that of the States. This is calculating South Africa as one English colony which it soon will be.

A THEATRICAL ATTRACTION.

Sir: Your correspondent Greasepaint reports very favorably of the Neill Stock Company, due here about the end of the month, and I trust the company will be as good as he says. I notice that included in the company's repertoire is "Sweet Lavender," and having seen this play during a visit to England some years ago, I can assure the theatregoers that it is really one of the most charming and delightful comedies which have been written of late years. I trust the company will include "Sweet Lavender" in the bill of fare during their forthcoming visit. **COMEDY.**

SUGAR AS A WEALTHOMETER.

English newspapers to hand give this calculation:

	Lbs. of	Popul'n S'gr us'd
England.....	39,972,000	91.51
United States.....	72,807,000	59.30
France.....	14,108,000	31.02
Germany.....	14,108,000	30.22
Austria.....	45,391,000	17.34
Russia.....	106,250,000	12.01
Turkey.....	24,682,000	7.08
Italy.....	31,030,000	6.28

An American paper has been arguing—it is not a wholly new theory—that the consumption of sugar is an index to the prosperity of a country, since people are consumers of sugar in proportion to their wealth. Poor people cannot afford much of it, while those who are best able to procure it enjoy sweets in the greatest quantities. These "facts," it is claimed are shown in the statistics of the yearly consumption per head of the people of the following countries:

Mr. J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, estimates the present population of the States at 80,000,000. If he is correct the consumption of sugar in the States can only be 53 pounds per capita against England's 91 pounds. The consumption in the States has remained stationary these past ten years, that of England has increased 20 pounds per head of the population, and they speak of England as a poor exhausted country. Seattle papers copy.

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states: Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has cured me of bronchitis. I have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

New Steamers To Run North

Syndicate Negotiating for Two Fast Vessels for Passenger Service.

Riojun Maru Arrives Early Yesterday Morning From Oriental Ports.

Transportation facilities between Victoria and Northern ports will be just about perfect during the coming season if the plans which a wealthy syndicate have in hand are completed. This syndicate, some of the members of which are interested in the company which recently purchased three river steamers from the C.P.R. to run on the Yukon between the terminus of the White Pass railway and Dawson, are negotiating for the purchase of two passenger steamers with a speed of not less than eighteen knots. The plans of the company are not yet far enough advanced to go into details but it can be said that negotiations for the steamers have about been closed and that if everything goes along as at present they will be here to secure a share of the spring travel. With good boats on the Coast, the railway completed beyond White Horse and good boats on the river, travelling to Dawson and even to Nome by the river route will not be accompanied by many difficulties. One thing certain there will be no want of good steamers on the Coast as the C.P.R. are getting their vessels in first class shape.

ORIENTAL LINER IN.

The Riojun Maru brings a Large Number of Steerage Passengers.

The Riojun Maru, of the Great Northern line, docked at the outer wharf at 10 o'clock last night. She arrived at the quarantine station at 4:15 a.m. yesterday, and after her passengers were disinfected and the vessel thoroughly fumigated she was allowed to proceed. She had a large cargo, 60 tons of which landed here, and carried 325 steerage passengers, 211 Japanese debarking at this port. Among the passengers were a number of the crew of the American steamer St. Paul, one of whom died at sea on the afternoon of the 29th and was buried at sea at 3:30 p.m. on the 30th. Mr. Chapman, of Seattle, president of the Centennial Mill Company, was the only first-class passenger. He has been to the Orient on business for the company he represents, and states that the sanitary inspectors of Kobe are doing all in their power to stamp out the bubonic plague, which has infested that city for some time.

MARINE NOTES.

Happenings Along the Waterfront and in Marine Circles Yesterday.

The Angeron of Liverpool which has been discharging freight at the outer wharf for the past two weeks, goes around to Esquimalt to-day with supplies for the army.

The schooner Sadie Turpel which grounded on entering Abousett harbor a few days ago, according to a despatch from Alberni, received injuries which necessitate her being brought here for repairs. A tug will accordingly be sent to tow the schooner to this port.

A Yokohama despatch dated the 11th inst. says: "The C.P.R. steamship Empress of India arrived here from Vancouver this morning at 9 o'clock."

The Chilean bark Antofagasta is loading lumber at Chemainus Mills for the west coast of South America.

The Hawaiian Isles, the ship which has been in trouble of late, is to load coal at Comox for San Francisco.

The large Skookum has been purchased by Capt. L. O. Waldo and W. C. Cobb. She is being thoroughly overhauled and will leave in the spring for the North with a large cargo in tow of a new tug boat now nearing completion at Moran's shipyard, Seattle.

The British ship Erroll, 38 days from Honolulu, was lying at the quarantine station all day yesterday undergoing the fumigating process which all vessels from ports infected with the bubonic plague are required to undergo. She was towed in by the American tug Bowden and will load at Hastings mills.

LABOR IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINES.

Black labor is to be had in any quantity, under proper conditions, and the best of it is excellent in quality. The trouble is that conditions have been so bad that none but the lowest element of the blacks would submit to working in the Transvaal, and even these hardly at all except under pressure of absolute necessity. Abuse, extortion, enforced labor on the farms without pay, trickery, robbery of their accumulated earnings by the Boers—these have not attracted the negro to the South African republic. No doubt the regulation of political conditions as between the two races is a difficult one, but the Boer of the Transvaal has not even approached it. Oppression of the blacks has ruined the labor supply of the Witwatersrand, and not the least benefit of the good, honest, and just government will be the amelioration of conditions in this respect. A "hut tax," by which the negro is made to supply some share in the support of the government, and in return for which he receives protection of law, seems to be one of the most successful methods of raising the standard and increasing the responsibility of the native.—Charles B. Goring, interviewing John Hays Hammond, in The Engineering Magazine for January.

There has been, therefore, not only lack of good legislation but utter laxity in the enforcement of such law as there is. To this is attributable the deplorable condition as regards the liquor traffic. The sale of liquor is nearly prohibitive, so far as the sale of liquor to natives is concerned, but there is not even a pretence of enforcing them. It is no uncommon sight to see on a Sunday afternoon a hundred Kaffirs, miserably intoxicated, with broken heads and eyes nearly knocked out as the result of drunken fights. The liquor is an abominable whiskey of local manufacture, made and supplied often by the very men who preach religion and temperance to the negro.

The peculiarly bad conditions affecting the mining industry are confined to the Transvaal. In the other Dutch republics such flagrant abuses do not exist, and the consequent change in governmental conditions will be correspondingly less. But there will be an indirect benefit at Kimberley from reduced cost of political administration, which will not be without an influence.—Charles B. Goring, interviewing John Hays Hammond, in The Engineering Magazine for January.

REVIEWED IN LONDON.

Mining in British Columbia Regarded as Handicapped by Ill-Considered Legislation.

From Colonial Goldfields Gazette, Dec. 30.

With regard to the British Columbia mining industry, a retrospect of the year's progress is far from encouraging. The prospect of a revival of interest in this industry among English investors has been completely spoiled by the mischievous legislation of the Semlin government which came into office last year. The Eight Hour Labor Law has stirred up discord between employers and employed, and in some districts, notably the Stovin, mining operations have been suspended as a result of the act. The motives which prompted the introduction of this measure are best known to Mr. Semlin and his colleagues, but it is a notorious fact that there was no demand for legislative interference between the miners and the mining companies, and that the law has worked untold harm to the mining industry. Locally its effects on trade have been disastrous, and it is impossible to estimate the lasting mischief it has wrought by shaking the confidence of American, Canadian and English investors. It is to be hoped that the law will soon be repealed, and that capital and labor will once more be able to work in harmony. The alien law was conceived in a dog-in-the-manger spirit, and has not only inflicted a severe blow to the trade of Victoria and Vancouver, but has greatly retarded the development of the Atlin gold fields. Incidentally, too, the measure, flawed as it was against Americans, was responsible to some degree for the unbending attitude of the United States on the Alaska boundary question. The policy embodied in the popular phrase, "Let 'em all come," is that best suited to the development of a new mining country, provided that the "allies" are law-abiding and industrious. No exception could be taken to the American miners in either of these respects, and their exclusion from British Columbia soil has done the province more harm than good.

Although the mining industry has little to thank the British Columbia government for, private enterprise has not been idle. Adulterated railways and smelters have been provided in the more promising districts, and the cost of shipping and smelting the ore has thereby been considerably reduced. The opening of the Crow's Nest Pass railway early in the year was the most important event in 1899, and smelting charges have been reduced to a minimum as a result of the cheapness with which coke can now be conveyed from Fernie and other points to the principal smelting works. Ore, which formerly could only be treated at a loss, can now, thanks to the opening of the railway, be made to yield a handsome profit. Another railway which will greatly facilitate mining operations is that which is being built in the Boundary country. The district is one of the most promising in the province, and its immense bodies of fair grade ore will sensibly swell the gold output in the near future. Although no statistics are as yet available concerning the output of the precious metal for the year, it is at least gratifying to note that, so far as Rossland is concerned, great activity is being employed in opening up the mines. Happily, the labor troubles, rampant in other camps, have not spread to Rossland, and we find that the total quantity of ore shipped from the mines around that town for the eleven months and twenty days ending November 30th, was 155,000 tons, valued at about \$385,000. Of this output the Le Roi has shipped about \$1,000,000, the War Eagle 55,500 tons, the Centre Star 12,000 tons, and the Iron Mask 5,000 tons. The total shipments for the year will probably amount to about 185,000 tons. The official return for 1898 was 111,282 tons, so that the output for the Rossland mines for the current year will exceed by 73,700 tons, or over 60 per cent., the output from the same mines in the previous year. So far as ore tonnage is concerned, that is a satisfactory record of progress, but it remains to be seen what the smelter returns will show as to value.

The Atlin district, despite the extraordinary muddle over mining titles, is maintaining its early promise. As a result of the year's operations, duty has been paid on 26,500 ozs. of gold, a result which is more than satisfactory for a young goldfield which has had to combat official mismanagement. The visit of the Lieutenant-Governor to the Atlin gold fields, and his favorable report on their prospects, do much to restore confidence in the district, and as the climate is healthy and mining conditions are not arduous, Atlin seems destined to take a permanent place as a contributor to the gold output of the province.

The Yukon goldfields are not within British Columbia territory, but it is permissible here to say a passing word on the prospects of this field. The Yukon has survived the prejudice created by the exaggerated stories with which it was introduced to the investing public, and has now settled down into a sober, well-regulated and industrious mining camp. Of the numerous companies floated with English capital but few have been successful, but those which have survived, are operating successfully, and although it is too early to predict the permanence of these Northern fields, it is now known that the gold exists in situ as well as in the form of alluvial, and it is within the range of probability that the Yukon territory has a future before it as a quartz mining district. Meanwhile, however, improved methods of winning the gold from the frozen gravel are being brought into use, and steam-chewing has been resorted to with successful results. The discovery of large copper lodes in the neighborhood of the White Horse Rapids is an important event of the year. Dawson City has been placed in telegraphic communication with the coast, and the most difficult portion of route to the gold fields has been circumvented by the construction of the White Pass and Yukon railway. Dawson is, therefore, no longer the isolated city of two years ago, and the large sums of money which have been voted by the Dominion government towards opening up the country suggest that those who know the district are satisfied as to its permanence as a gold-producer.

THE LIMITS OF TOOL-MAKING.

If the human race continues to exist and to live in morals, comfort and elegance of living, tool-making must begin and must be carried to what now appears to be a limit of development. What is the limit of the tool-maker's art, and when and where should or must tool-making stop?

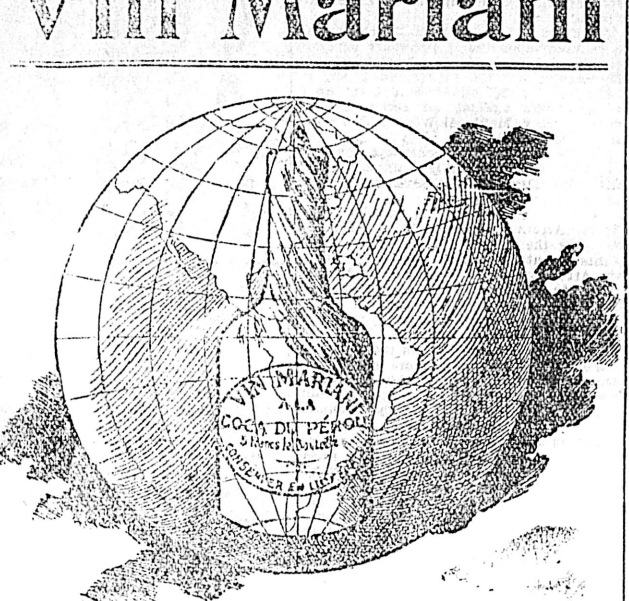
Commercially speaking, it must stop in any particular case when more tool-making cannot cheapen the total time and cost of production; if the demand for the product is unlimited, then the only limit to tool-making is the limit of human understanding and mechanical resources.

Broadly speaking, it is conceivable that in some special production tool-making may go to a point where no further profitable advance can be made, and it is also conceivable that there may be things useful and desirable to the few, which are of improvement of quality and lowering of cost be made useful and desirable to the many.

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many. Speaking narrowly from existing facts and conditions, it seems probable that the limit of tool-making has never been reached in any particular case.—Henry Holland, in The Engineering Magazine for January.

MAGERSFONTEIN.

Wae's nee for Scotland: hear the wind sighing;
Hark, ye, the wae as it moans on the shore;
Tune up the pipes for the dead and the dying;
Play for the laddies we'll never see more.

Blythely they left us, stepping together;
Sporrans were swinging and buckles a-gleam;
Some of them sporting a spig of the heather—
O how we cheered them! It's all like a dream.

Bright was the sunshine to gladden their calling;
See how the mist hangs so caller and grey;
Strike up the coroneach, set the pipes walling;
Tell the black curls that we sorrow to-day.

Tell pink and glen that our hearts are like breaking;
To think of our halts who were marched to their end,
Close-ranked, grim, silent, no question making—
Like sheep to the shambles, no chance to defend.

To think of our sons in the wan moonlight lying,
The sons of our bosom, so fond, true and brave;
The dew on their faces, their hearts' blood deep-dying
The pink snig of heather we kissed ere we gave.

To think of their fathers who gained their grim guerdon,
Whose bones cry for vengeance from Ma-juba's side;
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